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WEDDING

Borough leaders speak out pro and con on upcoming gay nups

Party at Marty's

Beep: Gays can get married at my place

By Thomas Tracy The Brooklyn Paper

Lesbian and gay couples in a hurry to tie the knot still can't run to the nearest chapel but Borough Hall's doors will be wide open

In a "wedding present" of sorts (who needs a new toaster, anyway?), Borough President Markowitz vowed to open up the people's house for couples planning to get married on the same day the new same-sex marriage law goes into effect.

'You don't have to go to Manhattan to get married," Brooklyn's biggest booster told a room full of LGBT couples and supporters during a Borough Hall "champagne toast" to gay nuptials on Wednesday. "You can go right across the street to complete your paperwork, then you can come See **MARTY** on page 3

Chuck Gonzales (left) and Michael Thibeault raise a glass to

gay marriage during a champagne toast at Borough Hall. The couple is planning to leave Manhattan for Brooklyn.

Bishop bans pro-gay pols

By Daniel Bush The Brooklyn Paper

Talk about separation of church and state!

The Diocese of Brooklyn banned state officials who voted for same-sex marriage from honoring students or even appearing at Catholic schools and parishes as punishment for their role in destroying "the single most important institution in human history.

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio announced the ban two days after New York State passed a law allowing gay couples to tie the knot, igniting a war of words between the church and lawmakers.

Calling the bill another "nail in the coffin" of traditional marriage, Di-Marzio asked Catholic schools and

parishes to refuse any awards from Gov. Andrew Cuomo or state legislators who supported the measure, which passed June 24 and takes effect later this month.

> "all pastors and principals to not invite any state legisla-tor to speak or be present at any parish or school celebration." The ban was for the

> DiMarzio also demanded

"foreseeable future," and is already having an impact. Assemblyman Joe Lentol

(D-Williamsburg) told us the \$50 check he sent for a student at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel's parish school on Withers Street in Williamsburg was returned — along with a copy of the bishop's statement.

See **DIMARZIO** on page 3



Bay Ridge Manor, owned by state Sen. Golden's family

Golden's hall gives a yes vote

By Dan MacLeod The Brooklyn Paper

State Sen. Marty Golden may have called gay marriage the "destruction of the sacrament of marriage" — but his family's catering hall is more than happy to accommodate your LGBT wedding reception!

Golden (R-Bay Ridge) was Brooklyn's only state senator to oppose the passage of the historic same-sex marriage legislation late last week.

To find out if the staff at the Bay Ridge Manor — which Golden See **GOLDEN** on page 3



Takeru Kobayashi (far right) joined the Nathan's hot dog eating contest via satellite TV — eating a record-breaking 69 hot dogs and buns from a rooftop bar in Manhattan.

Coney's biggest day upstaged

Chestnut wins — but Kobayashi sets world record

By Thomas Tracy The Brooklyn Paper

He won again (sort of!). Gustatory giant Joey "Jaws" Chestnut chomped down on his fifth straight Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Championship on Monday, passing 16 hungry competitors by gobbling down 62 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes — but former world cham-

pion Takeru Kobayashi ate a world San Jose star's world record of 68 record 69 HDBs in the same 10 minutes while competing simultaneously at a rooftop bar in Manhattan's Flatiron District.

The bizarre stunt left the entire world wondering what to make of — and, indeed, how to judge — Chestnut's fifth-straight victory, given that it came at the very same time as Kobayashi broke the

HDBs, albeit under decidedly different circumstances.

Kobayashi, of course, has been consumer non grata in the International Federation of Competitive Eating since he refused to sign a contract last year, then showed up at the contest anyway, and rushed the stage and was arrested. Later, he was unceremo-

niously removed from the Nathan's Wall of Fame.

But watching the man-versusdog competition on TV from Manhattan, Kobayashi was himself again, eating hot dogs like he once chowed down on pan-seared cowbrains - and, perhaps, achieving his most-important goal: ruining Chestnut's day.

Indeed, the champ's victory

only briefly - when it was announced that Kobayashi ate 69 hot dogs and buns in the same 10 minutes.

Chestnut showed no signs of cracking up over the news.

"That wasn't a competition, that was just him eating. I ate 71 hot dogs by myself once," Chestnut said. "It was his choice not to be here.

"It's sad that he thinks he's See NATHAN'S on page 9

Brooklyn's two worst bridges

The Brooklyn Paper

Prospect Park's teensy Terrace Bridge has one thing in common with the Brooklyn Bridge: they're both the lousiest in the borough.

According to the city's latest "Bridge Condition Report" — which ranks bridges based on "structural deficiencies" — the two are on a list of the four worst citywide.

Unlike the internationally famous-



The Terrace Bridge in Prospect Park has one thing in common with the Brooklyn Bridge: both were rated "poor" in a citywide bridge survey.

A tale of two bridges **SEE PAGE 3**

 $but\hbox{-} architecturally\hbox{-} flunking\,Brooklyn$ Bridge, Terrace Bridge — a blink-andmiss-it arc stretching a few yards across Prospect Park lake—"doesn't get much day-to-day use," said Eugene Patron of the Prospect Park Alliance.

But, even so, the tiny stone struc-See **BRIDGES** on page 3



Current team member Siobhan St. John shimmies alongside hundreds of aspiring hopefuls at an open audition in Downtown to re-earn her coveted spot as a Nets dancer.

Brooklyn Nets? Not on the dance line!

By Shavana Abruzzo The Brooklyn Paper

Technical foul! The New Jersey Nets' relocation to Brooklyn has roused plenty of negative emotions in some quarters, but last week really hurt: not

ter next year — and this after two open auditions that drew upwards of 500 contestants.

You know how it is.

"It's a whole package, they all one hometown beauty was chosen have to be athletic, strong, physifor a coveted spot with the Nets cally-fit and well-spoken because

Dancers when they make their daz- they serve as ambassadors for our zling debut at the Barclays Cen- team," said Kimberlee Garris, the entertainment manager for Nets Basketball, which held a tryout at the Mark Morris Dance Center in

Fort Greene last Saturday. Alanna Simpson of Brooklyn Heights and Theresa Tirone of Ben-See **DANCERS** on page 9



Brooklyn Fare promises to find most any fish in the world — and have it ready for pickup within 24 hours. Owner Moe Issa (pictured) was able to find this rare Australian Hiramasa in a day.

Heaven on their minds

By Natalie O'Neill

The Brooklyn Paper

"Heaven" can wait Manhattan-based atheists are a street sign in Red Hook that endorses the religious view that an afterlife exists.

To honor seven firefighters who Way," a move that prompted critipoised to sue the city for installing cism, national news coverage—and with lawyers and plans to file a lawnow an apparent lawsuit from athe-suit over what he considers a churchists who say the sign is akin to spir- and-state issue. "We can show injury itual "product placement."

Atheists plan suit over 'Seven in Heaven' sign

"We see religion imprinted in our died in 9-11, a portion of Richards culture from the time we're young Street was renamed "Seven in Heaven enough to remember," said Ken Bronstein of NYC Atheists, who has met See **HEAVEN** on page 9



Firefighters helped co-name a Red Hook street in honor of seven comrades who died in the 9-11 attacks — but now the sign is the subject of a proposed lawsuit.

FLYING FISH

Downtown market will get your catch of the day in 24 hours!

By Daniel Bush The Brooklyn Paper

So where do you get your fugu?

An upscale Downtown market says it can get you any fish in the sea in 24 hours or less - and it easily passed our test when we special ordered a

hard-to-get Australian delicacy. After hearing that the owner of Brooklyn Fare on Schermerhorn Street at the corner of Hoyt Street promises to find any fish in the world and have it ready for pickup the

See FISH on page 9

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City to buses on Old **Fulton Street: bug off**

Bv Kate Briquelet The Brooklyn Paper

Idling buses and commercial vehicles will be booted from Old Fulton Street under the city's new plan to transform the tourist-happy thoroughfare with spectacular views of the Brooklyn Bridge and the Manhattan skyline into a pedestrianfriendly zone.

The Department of Transportation unveiled a redesign for the street — which includes a public plaza, expanded sidewalks and landscaped medians — on June 21, claiming that one of the plan's goals is to keep double-deckers and limousines from illegally parking and idling on the street.

Residents hailed the city plan, which will be presented to locals before the end of July and could break ground as early as September.

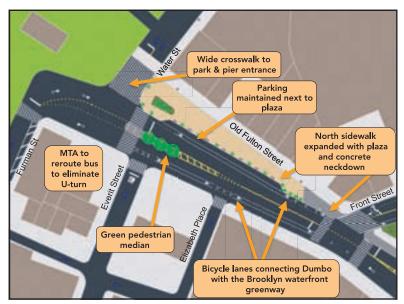
"This is a major step in addressing a community need," said Joan Zimmerman, president of the Fulton Ferry Landing Association. "Try and think about having dozens of tour buses in every part of the road you can imagine. It's a very significant quality of life issue.'

Ever since Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 1 opened last year, more and more traffic has come to Old Fulton Street, with vehicles illegally parking on the street's striped median markings, residents say. They also charge that out-of-town tour buses and cars often drop sightseers off on all parts of the wide street, which spans from the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway to Brooklyn Bridge Park City-based sightseeing tours, however, know to park at a designated bus lot on Furman Street.

Now that the city's new ferry service stops at Fulton Ferry Landing, the area has only gotten busier, they

Under the plan, the city





Old Fulton Street could get landscaped medians as soon as September under the city's new plans to make the thoroughfare more pedestrian-friendly.

will install raised, tree-filled concrete medians near the BOE and Water Street to prevent illegal parking and

On a recent Saturday dozens of city coaches con-

night, there were lots of tour buses but no illegal parking. Park cops shooed away cars that tried to drop people off at the end of the block, while tinued on to Furman Street, where parking for buses is allowed.

Visitors flock to the pier not only for Brooklyn Bridge Park, but also for the Brook-

lyn Ice Cream Factory and The River Cafe. Wedding parties arrive in limos to take photos against the Manhattan skyline.

But despite diverting tour bus traffic, merchants on the strip of Old Fulton weren't worried about losing busi-

Peter Thristino, owner of Pete's Downtown restaurant, said that most tourists get off the bus, snap a photo and leave anyway. The customers to worry about, he said, are the ones navigating the confusing traffic.

"In the end, it's figuring out traffic control," Thristino said. "It's a disaster waiting to happen, with people just walking out in the middle of the street."

 $Old\,Fulton\,Street\,will\,also$ get bicycle lanes and new crosswalks and signals at Water and Furman streets. The sidewalk on the north side of the street between Water and Front streets will be widened into a plaza, although the parking lane adjacent to it will remain.

A city official said widening the sidewalk isn't just to give the never-ending line of pizza lovers always found outside of Grimaldi's some breathing room — it will support all businesses on the street.

Richard Mauro, president of the Fulton Ferry Business Association, couldn't wait for the changes to begin.

"This is going to bring out the openness of the area," he said. "As long as we get the pedestrian traffic, that's what we're interested in."

The city will divert all tour buses to Furman Street and work with the MTA to reroute the B25 bus's weekend schedule so it will no longer have to make U-turns at the end of Old Fulton Street. Instead, the bus will follow its weekday route, taking Front Street to Main Street and then heading east on Water Street to Old Fulton Street.

Proposals to mitigate traffic on Old Fulton Street are nothing new. Earlier this year, the city installed "No Parking" signs — and stepped up enforcement—at the entrance to the park near Furman Street. And over the last few years, a number of traffic lights have been added to

A tale of two bridges

BROOKLYN BRIDGE	BRIDGE	TERRENCE BRIDGE
1883	Completed	1870
1,595 feet	Length	128 feet
Wire suspension	Design	Six steel arches
127,000	Daily visitors	360
The Great Bridge	Nickname	The What Bridge?
"Seventh wonder of the industrial world," "National Historic Landmark"	Words to describe	A pretty decent "spot for sketching trees"
"Once Upon a Time in America," "I am Legend," "Spiderman," "Moonstruck"	Cameos	That way-too-long fishing video on YouTube.
Brooklyn Bridge shooting, Cold War bunker discovery, 1980 transit strikes	Famous moments in history	Still waiting

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ture — which is closed to cars and sits across from the area that once housed the ice skating rink — will be reconstructed and given a historic restoration, according to the Department of Transportation.

The agency was quick to add that a "poor" ranking means that a bridge its not up to current engineering standards, but is not necessarily unsafe.

That's part of why parkgoers - many of whom care more about protecting wildlife than helping drivers nav igate the park - say construction on the 140-year-old bridge isn't worth disturbing one of the few wildlife-rich areas in Brooklyn.

"The question is whether construction crews will be environmentally sensitive," said park watchdog Johanna Clearfield, adding that waterfowl live nearby. "The city should be held accountable.

News about the bridge makeover comes after parkusers last year complained that city agencies have not thoroughly maintained and enforced upkeep of the park, citing everything from littering to illegal barbequing.

Department of Transportation spokesman Scott Gastel said that a date for the conset, but fixing the Brooklyn Bridge — which hosts an average of 127,000 drivers per day — is first on the to-do list.

MARTY...

Continued from page 1 right back here. We'll have some judges ready to do the

ceremony for you ASAP." There will even be champagne and photographers, he

For further help with the big day, Markowitz will be hosting Brooklyn's first-ever LGBT wedding expo in Bor-

ough Hall on July 25.

'You have no idea how many catering facilities out there that want your business," he said.

Albany legalized samesex marriage on June 24. Once the law goes into effect on July 24, same-sex couples can get married and begin receiving the same state

benefits heterosexual cou-

And, like all couples planning to wed, they have to follow a few rules: once they apply online and show up in person at the Office of the City Clerk at 360 Adams St. to finish the application, excited couples will have to painstakingly suffer through a 24-hour waiting period before a ceremony

could be performed. Markowitz expects the first wave of LGBT couples looking to get married to arrive on July 25 or July 26, since July 24 lands on a weekend. The city hasn't decided yet if its going to open its clerks offices on

that Sunday.

And same-sex couples can't get married anywhere. Legislators made it crystal clear that no religious institution will be forced to perform a same-sex marriage ceremony if they don't

want to.

As far as Borough Hall goes, looking around the marbled entrance and expansive meeting area, LGBT couples were impressed by Markowitz's offer to turn the building into a catering hall.

"It's a nice place," said Michael Thibeault, who was celebrating the passage of gay marriage with his partner Chuck Gonzalez. "We don't have a date set yet, but this could be a possibility.'

DIMARZIO

"I'm disappointed," said

Lentol, a Catholic who voted for the bill, and often attends services at the church. "They've always accepted my checks."

Mt. Carmel's pastor, Joseph Calise, said he was following orders from Di-

"It couldn't be done in Joe's name," Calise said of the an-

nual award from Lentol, Calise added that a parishioner provided a matching award. Lawmakers in the bish-

op's dog house bristled at his hard stance.

They pointed to the exception in the law, secured by Republican leaders in exchange for their vote, that exempts religious institutions from accepting same-sex

"We would never force a Catholic priest to marry anyone they do not approve of," said state Sen. Diane Savino (D-Bensonhurst).

shouldn't stop Borough President Markowitz from following through on his plan to open Borough Hall for a slew of gay nuptials on July 25, the first day they're legal.

And anger from the church

"Whatever your convictions, love is love," Markow-

the ban will be enforced,

ers were still welcome to attend regular church services and special events, such as Mt. Carmel's beloved Feast of the Giglio. "We wouldn't stop them

Calise said state lawmak-

from coming" to pray, he State Sen. Marty Golden

(R-Bay Ridge), the lone Brooklyn senator to vote against the bill, will be spared the cold shoulder. Churchgoers we spoke

In an indication of how to Tuesday afternoon were supporting their bishop, say-

ing DiMarzio made the right

"Inviting people that voted for [same-sex marriage] into schools is not appropriate," said Lorenzo Regalado, a parishioner at the Cathedral Basilica of St. James in Downtown Brooklyn, and an opponent of the new law.

Charles Greene agreed. "I wish more bishops would take steps like that,"

with Jared Foretek, **Aaron Short and Thomas Tracy**

GOLDEN...

Continued from page 1 owned before selling it to a

relative in 2003 - shared the legislator's beliefs, two of our male reporters stopped by the 76th Street catering hall on Wednesday, identifying themselves as same-sex partners looking for a place to celebrate their upcoming nuptials.

But instead of showing them the door, a manager didn't bat an eye and immediately spread out a few pamphlets on the desk, outlining the various catering packages that ranged from \$60 a head for a "hot smorgasbord" buffet to \$95 a head

for a cocktail reception and a full dinner with choices of filet mignon and pan-seared yellow fin tuna steak.

The manager was courteous and open to hosting the event at the manor—which features a ballroom with crystal chandeliers—and never commented on the reporters' apparent sexual orientation. Golden, however, isn't as

accepting. The Catholic cop-turned-

legislator - who hosted several Republican fundraisers at the Bay Ridge Manor, as well as a GOP rally for Rep. Michael Grimm (R-Bay Ridge) before his 2010 election—re-

ferred to same-sex marriage in biblical terms, calling the legal coupling of gays "a challenge to our faith" the day after the measure passed by a slim 33-29 vote in the Senate.

"My faith guided me, as it has throughout my political career, in deciding what is right and what is wrong, and as such, I couldn't and didn't vote to legalize same sex marriage," he said. The senator did not reply

to e-mails requesting comment on this story by our midnight deadline, but an aide confirmed that the senator continues to hold events "When we do, we pay to spokesman John Quaglione. Last Friday's vote means New York will join Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Iowa and Washington, D.C. on July 24 in legally recognizing gay marriage.

The vote in the senate was contentious, but many legislators who had voted against same-sex marriage in the past rallied for its passage this time around — including state Sen. Carl Kruger (D-Brighton Beach), Kruger, who voted against the bill in 2009, but was outed as a homosexual in a recent FBI probe, claimed that legalizing

same-sex marriage was "the have them there like others reaffirmation of what a famwho book affairs [and] events ily is," as he cast his vote. at the Bay Ridge Manor," said Golden voted as expected.

In May, the senator had said his constituents "don't give a rat's ass" about gay marriage, prompting a protest outside his Fifth Avenue office. But Golden isn't the only

Brooklyn legislator opposed to gay marriage. Before the Senate took up the bill, the measure passed the Assembly with an 80-63 vote—but without the help of Assemblymembers Nicole Malliotakis (R-Bay Ridge), Peter Abbate (D-Dyker Heights), Bill Colton (D-Bensonhurst) Inez Barron (D-Canarsie), Steven Cymbrowitz (D-Sheepshead Bay) and Dov Hikind (D-Borough Park).

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78TH PRECINCT

Park Slope A teenage jerk beat up a woman on Lincoln Place on

June 30. The 34-year-old victim told cops she was chatting on her cellphone near Fifth Avenue at 9:30 pm, when a thug punched several times in the side of her head. He then snatched a purse from her left hand and ran towards Sixth Avenue.

Cops arrested a 15-yearold suspect the same night.

Unlucky cabbie

A jerk snatched the license plate from a cab parked on Fourth Avenue on July 1.

The 59-year-old driver told cops that he parked his vellow cab near Fifth Street at 3:30 am, then came back about three hours later. When he returned he saw that his New York license plates and taxi meter had been swiped.

Subway chase

A crook snatched a fancy cellphone from a straphanger on Seventh Avenue on June

The 25-year-old victim told cops he was leaving a subway station near Ninth Street at 5:10 am, when two men ran up to him from behind. One of the thugs reached over the victim's right shoulder and grabbed his iPhone before they both ran away. The straphanger chased after the crooks for a few blocks — but they disappeared into the subway station.

Bad taste

A brazen thief snatched some money from a tasty restaurant on Ninth Street.

A 33-year-old owner of Ha Noi Vietnamese Kitchen, which is near Fifth Avenue, told cops that workers locked the restaurant at around 11:30 pm, then returned at 10:30 am the next day. That's when they discovered the lock on the door had been busted, the cash resister was smashed and \$150 was missing.

Toyota taken

A crafty thief stole a car parked on Grand Army Plaza

on June 27. The 64-year-old driver told cops he parked and locked a gray 1998 Toyota Camry near Flatbush Avenue at 9 am, went to the park, then came back at 11 pm. That's when he discovered his ride was gone — with no broken glass in sight.

-Bill, Homeowner, Staten Island, NY

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Wallet gone

A jerk snatched a wallet from a car parked on Second Avenue on June 30.

The 29-year-old driver told cops he parked his gray 2007 Lincoln near 10th Street at 1 am, then returned around 12:30 pm the next day. That's when he discovered his passenger-side window had been smashed — and his wallet and \$250 global positioning device were gone.

Ford-lorn

A crook stole a car parked on 12th Street on June 27.

The 36-year-old victim told cops he parked his red 2001 Ford sedan near Fifth Avenue at 10 pm, went to work, and then home leaving the car where he had parked it. He came back three days later and discovered his ride was gone - with no broken glass in sight.

Mirror score

A crook snatched some fancy mirrors from a car parked on Ninth Street on June 25.

The diver told cops she parked her maroon 2003 Mercedes Benz near Prospect Park West at 5:30 pm, came back a few days later, and discovered her mirrors - which are worth \$2,000 were gone.

— Natalie O'Neill

77TH PRECINCT **Prospect Heights**

Free ride

A crook snatched a motorcycle parked on Classon

Avenue on June 27. The 28-year-old victim told cops he parked an orange 2010 Honda motorcycle worth \$12,000 near Park Place at 9 am, then left for an hour. That was enough time for the crook to swipe it.

Three gashes

A thug broke into an apartment and stabbed a man on Sterling Place on June 28.

The 42-year-old victim told cops he was playing with his kids inside his home near Washington Avenue at 6 pm, when a woman broke his front window and stabbed him three times in the stomach with a knife.

Cops arrested a 31-yearold suspect the same night.

Dense driver

A jerk stole a car parked on Washington Avenue on July 4.

The 26-year-old victim told

Woman beat up for her purse POLICE BLOTTER

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Maxima running near Lincoln Place at around 7:20 pm, and then walked into a shop to buy a bottle of water. He came back a few minutes later and found his car gone

Face wound

A jerk beat up a man on St. Johns Place on June 28.

The 31-year-old victim told cops he was standing on the sidewalk at around 8 pm, when a stranger punched him, leaving him with a gash on his face.

Gadget snatch

A crook snatched some electronic gadgets from a car parked on Classon Avenue on June 27.

The 35-year-old victim told cops he parked his black 2007 Jeep Wrangler near Eastern Parkway at 4 nm, then went to a meeting at a nearby school. He came back five hours later and discovered his global positioning device and backpack — with a hard drive inside — were gone.

Empty-handed

A jerk beat up a club-goer on Pacific Street on July 2.

The 19-year-old victim told cops he was walking from Club Status near Classon Avenue just after midnight, when five men ran up to him from behind. "Give me what's in your pockets!" one of them yelled before punching him, leaving him with a six-inch cut on the back of his head and then running away empty-handed.

Sixty bucks

A group of thugs beat up a man on St. Marks Avenue on June 30.

A woman told cops she and her husband were standing in front of their home near Carlton Avenue at 8:35 pm, when a group of men approached. One velled, "Give me all vou got!" another punched him in the face before snatch-

Fire starter

A weirdo jacked a fire extinguisher from a boutique on Washington Avenue on July 1.

An employee at Awedacity, a clothing shop, told cops that a thief walked into the store, which is near St. Johns Place, at 5:45 pm, then snatched a fire extinguisher - worth \$200 -

Natalie O'Neill

68TH PRECINCT Bay Ridge-Dyker Heights

Thugged A barbarous robber held a knife to a woman's throat and stole her cash and iPhone on

The victim told cops she was nearing Ridge Boulevard at around 2:45 pm when a man pulled a black knife out of his waistband and held it against her throat, ripping her phone and \$250 out of

"I'm going to slit your f—ing throat if you call the cops," he told her, before running off.

Doesn't compute

Thieves busted into a man's Fighth Avenue home on June 27 and stole his laptop.

The victim told police he left his home, which is near 67th Street, around 11 am. When he returned at 9:30 that night, his found his front door broken down, his computer missing, and his apartment trashed.

Club and stab

Knife-wielding thugs stabbed two men as they left a 62th Street nightclub on June 28.

The victims told cops they were leaving the V Lounge near Eighth Avenue around 1 am when someone came up behind them, and stabbed one in the chest twice and the other in the armpit. The victims were taken

to Maimonides Medical

Big score Thieves made off with a

big score — nearly 50 grand in cash and jewelry robbing a man's 74th Street home on June 26 The victim told cops he

was on vacation when robbers made their move. When returned to his house between 10th Avenue and Fort Hamilton Parkway on July 3, he found that someone had busted in his back door and lifted \$8.000 in cash, \$40.000 in jewelry, and a computer. - Dan MacLeod

90TH PRECINCT

Southside-Bushwick Shot in leg

A gun-toting fiend shot a

man in the leg on Humboldt

Street on June 28. The 85-year-old victim was nearing Boerum Street at 1:18 pm, when he heard

tel near Willoughby Street at 11:40 am. When she returned an hour later, cleaning staff were there, but her

billfold was gone. The thief scored \$735, her

U.S. passport and cards. Camera ready

A lucky thief stole a bag of tech toys from a straphanger on Court Street on June 29.

The 40-year-old victim was at the Brooklyn-bound 2 train platform near Joralemon Street around 10:30 am, and set his camera and laptop on the floor. When the train arrived, his knapsack was gone.

The crook got away with a MacBook, Canon SLR, lenses, and memory cards.

Phone it in

A trio of bandits robbed a man of his iPhone on Bergen Street on July 2. The victim told police that

he was near Nevins Street at 12:11 am when the rogues surrounded him. One of the thieves asked, "What do you have in your

pockets?" while another rummaged through the man's pants. Once the thieves had his phone, the first thief asked if

the man had anything else, to which he replied, "Isn't the iPhone enough?' The devious triumvi-

rate then fled east on Bergen Street.

Two-wheel steal Someone stole a motor-

cycle from Livingston Street on July 1.

The 49-year-old biker told cops that he chained his \$13,500 wheels around a tree near Clinton Street at 8:30 am. The Manhattan man returned that afternoon, but only the lock remained. **Bad news**

A burglar stole cash and cigarettes from a Montague Street newsstand on July 2.

The 60-year-old victim told police that he left his stall near Henry Street at

When he got to work the next morning, \$3,100, plus 300 phone cards and 20 packs of cigarettes, were gone.

Game over

A patriotic prowler stole An intruder made it big after breaking into an Atlantic Avenue apartment and steal-

ing bundles of electronics. Three roommates told police that they left their pad near Hicks Street at noon. When they returned that night, they were bereft of three MacBook Pros, cameras, video games, Nintendo Wii and PlayStation 3 consoles, a jar filled with \$200, and other electronic loot.

— Aaron Short

88TH PRECINCT

Fort Greene-Clinton Hill

Ride-along A delivery man went the extra mile — or in this case, half a block — in a bid to recover cash that a thief lifted from his parked vehicle on

June 30. The victim told cops he was standing in front of his delivery truck, which was double-parked on DeKalb Avenue between Carlton Avenue and Adelphi Street, at 4:42 pm when he saw a thief snatch more than \$7,000 in checks and cash from the

The victim jumped on the hood of the escape vehicle and held on for a half a block, but had to let go. The car got away.

Duly noted

Thieves held up a Flushing Avenue Chase bank on July 1.

The bank told cops that the robber walked into the branch near Washington Avenue around 2:45 pm and passed the teller a note that read: "Give me all \$100 & \$50 bills or else everyone dies!!!"

The teller obliged, handing over \$6,600, and the hoodlum made off in a white Cadillac DeVille.

Tech steal

Light-fingered thieves swiped a bevy of goods in Fort Greene Park when a man briefly left his bag unattended on June 28.

The victim told cops he set down his bag to take a picture of his daughter at around 3 pm.

When he was done, his bag — which held two laptops and a fancy iPad was gone.

Hand it over A thief pilfered almost

\$1,500 right out of a woman's hands on Greene Ave-

The victim told cops she was sitting on her stoop, which is between Classon and Grand Avenues, when the thief approached and grabbed the wallet out of her

Night job

Thieves swiped two computers from a sleeping couple's home on Adelphi Street

The victims told cops the robbers came in through the unlocked back door of their home near Willoughby Avenue sometime between 3 and 8 am — while the were sleeping.

The thieves made off with

Not the car!

Fiends stole a car that was parked on Willoughby Street on July 1.

The victim told cops he parked his 2003 Chevy Impala between Myrtle and DeKalb Avenues around 10 pm. When he returned the next morning, his wheels were gone and broken glass was on the ground.

What, no tip?

A thief made off with a woman's purse when she left it unattended at a restaurant on Fulton Street near

on June 26. The victim told cops she left her purse when she left at her table to go to the bathroom around 2:30 pm. When she came back, her purse had been taken off the back of her chair at the restaurant, which near South Portland

iPunch A violent punk punched a woman and stole her phone

The victim told cops she was nearing Gates Avenue at around 8:30 pm when the punk came up behind her, grabbed her phone, and

punched her in the face. – Dan MacLeod

her room at the Marriott hocab, then jump into a get-Why Choose

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cops he left his white Nissan four shots. He winced it pain when he realized one shot hit his right leg. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital. **iGone**

Two thieves stole three iP-

hones from three people on Ainslie Street on July 2. Two men and a woman were nearing Union Avenue

their phones. When the victims refused. one thief took out a silver handgun and demanded again. This time, the victims

at 2:20 am, when the thugs

approached and demanded

handed over the phones. Bank run

on July 1.

A greedy robber made off with \$5,900 from a Signature Bank branch on Broadway

The thief walked into the bank, which is near Berry Street, at 10:31 am, and asked a teller, "You know me from last time?' The teller said "no," so the robber stated, "Give me 100s and 50s from the bottom.'

more." She did, at which point he left. **Goons with guns**

When she took out the cash

from her register, he added.

"that's not enough, give me

Two thieves robbed a four dudes on Kent Avenue

on June 27. The four men left a S. Fourth Street nightclub at 3:30 am and were nearing N. First Street when the perps approached them. One perp waved a gun and demanded their phones,

and the other collected the

four phones — plus \$30 —

from the group before run-

ning away. — Aaron Short

84TH PRECINCT Brooklyn Heights-DUMBO-Boerum Hill-Downtown

Proud thief

five flagpoles from a construction site on Cadman Plaza West on June 29. A Transportation Department employee told cops that he left the poles, draped with American flags, near Prospect Street at 11 am. When

he returned the next morn-

ing, the \$500 beams were

Park rustler

A bandit on the Brooklyn Heights promenade stole a woman's purse from a park bench on July 1.

The 18-year-old victim told police that she left the bag unattended at 11:35 pm. When she went to retrieve the sack, it was gone. She later found it in a trash can but her iPod, sunglasses, camera and cards were gone - along with what she says

lar bills ever printed.

Someone purloined a woman's wallet from her hotel room on Adams Street

The California victim left

Clean house

was one of the first two-dol-

left hand, before booking it around the corner.

two laptops.

on Vanderbilt Avenue on June 28.

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July 8-14, 2011



Here's where you can shake it in Brooklyn this summer

By Meredith Deliso

The Brooklyn Paper

here's just something about summer that makes you want to go out and dance. Never mind the soaring temperatures — if there's a good beat and chill people, you're ready to sweat.

'People come out to parties to have a great time and dance, and we're just so grateful to them," said Nutritious, a DJ who hosts the weekly Wednesday night Brooklyn Shakedown at Bembe in Williamsburg. "They bring a lot of great energy and excitement."

With that spirit in mind, we present some of the best dance parties in Brooklyn — from outdoor, canal-side grooves to rooftop, firework-lit jams to your goto Saturday night staple. The only thing missing is your dancing shoes.

Great outdoors

Who would have thought a dance party along the toxic Gowanus Canal could be fun? The DJs behind Mister Saturday Night make it so, as DJs Eamon Harkin and Justin Carter present an outdoor version, Mister Sunday, to a yard on Carroll Street — formerly known as Bklyn Yard. This laid-back afternoon party has some hula hoops to help get your hips shaking. a sparkling disco ball and house tunes. Babies are welcome, as well as dogs, as long as they're leashed. When you need a break, take a seat and enjoy food from Country Boys and Mile End. There's also beer and sangria if you're thirsty, which you surely will be. Gowanus Grove (400 Carroll St. be-

tween Bond and Nevins streets in Gowanus, no phone), Sundays from 3 to 8 pm. \$10 before 5 pm with RSVP to mister@ mistersaturdavnight.com. \$12 otherwise. For info, visit mistersaturdaynight.com.

Daytime dance party

In the spirit of the daytime dance party comes Body and Soul. Founded at Vinyl in Tribeca in 1996 and now found at Webster Hall, the party comes to Brooklvn for the first time on July 17 at Industry City in Sunset Park, celebrating 15 years of unpretentious, good times, thanks to its DJs, Danny Krivit, Francois-K and Joaquin "Joe" Claussell.

We wanted to do something a little different than the normal, big club in Man-







In the house: (Pictured clockwise from top) A typical Body and Soul dance party; Kathleen Letsgo shakes her hips — with the help of a hula - during Gowanus Grove, a Sunday daytime dance party along the Gowanus Canal; DJ Selectress Iriela gets the party started at Bembe's weekly house party; and the DJs behind Body and Soul — which comes to Sunset Park's Industry City on July 17.

hattan kind of thing," said party founder John Davis. "So I decided to do something in a Brooklyn warehouse.

Indeed, Davis will take over Industry City with lights, decorations and its trademark mix of music, which usually hits on

techno, soul, house, disco, and tribal. "The party is all about dance," said Davis. "It's just a hardcore dance crowd."

Body and Soul at Industry City [220 36th St. near Second Avenue in Sunset Park, (855) 273-2837], July 17 from 4 pm to late. Tickets \$30 \$20 in advance. For info, visit www.bodyandsoul-nyc.com.

Party with a view

Cha Cha's, Coney Island's home of "wild women and wise guys," takes ad-

vantage of its outdoor space this summer with its Friday night rooftop parties. Once the sun goes down, you can dance above the Boardwalk thanks to the club's resident DJ, and get a sweet view of the Wonder Wheel's weekly Friday night fireworks.

We got the bird's eye view," said owner John "Cha Cha" Ciarcia, who can be found up on the roof singing and dancing each Friday. "It's a great place, with great people for a great time.'

Rooftop dance party at Cha Cha's [1229 Riegelmann Boardwalk near Stillwell Avenue in Coney Island, (718) 946-1305], Fridays from 8 pm to midnight now until Labor Day weekend. \$15. For info, visit www.chachasofconeyisland.com.

Brooklyn institution

The Bunker isn't the most regular event - after eight years of floating from dance floor to dance floor in the city, you can find it on select Fridays at Public Assembly in Williamsburg. And when it does go down, this techno party for people who love to dance is not to be missed. So mark your calendars: it's next up on July 22.

The Bunker at Public Assembly [70 N. Sixth St. between Wythe and Kent avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 384-4586], July 22 at 10 pm. Tickets \$30 in advance only. For info, visit beyondbooking. com/thebunker.

Saturday night staple

For a regular party you can count on, these venues and parties get down on Saturday nights:

Franklin Park [618 St. Johns Pl. near Franklin Avenue in Crown Heights, (718) 975-0196)], Saturdays at 10 pm, free. For info, visit www.franklinparkbrooklyn.com.

First Saturdays at the Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], first Saturday of the month, next up on Aug. 6 at 5 pm. Free. For info, visit ww.brooklynmuseum.org.

Mister Saturday Night at 12-turn-13 1172 Classon Ave. between Park and Myrtle avenues in Clinton Hill], July 23. Time and cost TBA. For info, visit mistersaturdaynight.com.

The Rub at Southpaw [125 Fifth Ave. at

See **DANCE** on page 8

FESTIVAL

Vive la France

Georg Bucher once said that the French revolution, like Saturn, devoured its own children. The good news is that on Smith Street, you can devour patisseries.

The street's annual Bastille Day celebration is upon us again, featuring games, music, and tasty French food. Bar Tabac, Robin des Bois and Provence en Boite will once again shut down restaurant row between Bergen and Pa-

bands (expect to hear "La Marseillaise" more than once), and pétanque — aka French bocce. It's actually North America's largest pétanque

cific streets on July 10 for the celebration of French independence with live

tournament, with more than 80 teams.

Over at Provence en Boite, owner/chef Jean-Jacques Bernat will be offering up some special holiday fare.

"We still have the barbecue, we serve chicken brochette, French fries, croque monsieur, and we make a special pastry for this day," said Bernat. "Voila!"

Bastille Day on Smith Street [Smith Street between Bergen and Pacific streets in Cobble Hill, (718) 923-0918], July 10, 11 am-10 pm. For info, visit www.bartabacny.com. — Jared Foretek

EVENT

On the run

Talk about a run woman show. In "Endure," Melanie Jones brings you through

the hills and paths of Prospect Park, an immersive play inspired by that curious hobby incomprehensible to anyone who hasn't felt the urge to do the New York City Marathon — long-dis-

tance running.

Jones, who's finished four marathons herself, is a running junkie. Being out on the road for hours at a time training for these grueling races inspired her to document the experience. "When I was out



there for a long time, I started to notice that almost every human experience under the sun came up while I was running," said Jones. With such rich, dramatic ground to draw from,

Jones wrote "Endure," a stream-of-consciousness narrative that documents one woman's ups and downs while running 26.2 miles, from start to finish—in a play that lasts, thankfully, only 45 minutes.

"Endure" meets at the Old Stone House in Washington Park [Fourth Avenue between Third and Fourth streets in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195], July 9 and 16 at 11 am. Free. You must RSVP in advance to download the audio file. For info, visit www.runwomanshow.com. — Meredith Deliso

PLAY

Have faith

In this "Romeo and Juliet," the young lovers have faith, as well as feuding families, to contend with. Theater 2020, a new Brooklyn Heights-based

company, puts a new twist on Shakespeare's enduring love story with a Hindu Romeo and Muslim Juliet in its production of "Romeo and Juliet," running at Saint Charles Borromeo on



July 14 and then later this month at Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier The producers were

inspired to add this religious element to the play after reading about a Muslim girl in India killed by her family for

dating a Hindu boy. When the boy found out,

he killed himself. "It was 'Romeo and Juliet," said Judith

Jarosz, who runs the company with her husband, David Fuller, To that end, there will be hijabs sported

by the Capulets, as well as Middle Eastern dancing and music, and some Jim Hensonstyle puppets.

Theater 2020's "Romeo and Juliet" at Saint Charles Borromeo [21 Sidney Pl. at Livingston Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 624-3614], July 14 to 24, Thursdays at 7 pm, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 pm, and Sundays at 3 pm. Tickets \$18. Also at Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier One (at the foot of Old Fulton Street in DUMBO), July 30 at 6 pm and July 31 at 2 pm. Free. For info, visit www.theater2020.com. — Meredith Deliso





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FRIDAY

July 8



Once upon a time, Los Lobos was just another band from East L.A. More than 30 years since releasing their debut album, the Wolves have become one of the foremost Latin music bands around, thanks to its widereaching blend of traditional regional Mexican folk music like cumbia and boleros, rock and roll, blues, R&B, and country plus a killer version of "La Bamba". See them howl at Celebrate Brooklyn.

7 pm. Los Lobos at the Prospect Park band shell [Ninth Street and Prospect Park West in Park Slope, (718) 683-5600]. Free.

SATURDAY July 9

Rock hard Hipsters, this sum-

mer's Woodstock

awaits. Starting today, Floyd Bennett Field will be home to Jelly NYC's next big outdoor summer concert series. Called Rock Beach, it'll kick off with indie acts Penguin Prison, Wild Yaks, Janka Nabay and The Bubu Gang, and Monogold. And it wouldn't be a hipster hangout without some slip 'n' slide and dodgeball.

2-8 pm. Rock Beach at Floyd Bennett Field [3159 Flatbush Ave. off the Belt Parkway in Marine Park, (718) 758-7500]. Free. RSVP required. For info, visit www.rockbeachus.us.



WEDNESDAY

July 13

Disco fever

Get ready to shake your groove thing, courtesy of state Sen. Marty Golden. The lawmaker may have voted no on same-sex marriage last month making himself the only Brooklyn state senator to do so — but for one night this summer, he'll have us moving to music that's the stuff of gay anthems, thanks to a Disco Night at Marine Park. Here's hoping they play Sister Sledge's "We Are Family."

7 pm. Disco Unlimited at Marine Park [Fillmore Avenue]. Free. For info, call (718) 236-7547 or (718) 238-6044.

THURSDAY

July 14

Jett-setter

The Beep loves rock

'n' roll! Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, known for the 1982 single and jukebox favorite "I Love Rock 'n' Roll," will kick off Borough President Markowitz's free summer concert series. It might be too hot to sport some leather, unfortunately.

7:30 pm. Seaside Summer Concert Series [W. 21 Street between Surf Avenue and the Boardwalk in Coney Island, (718) 222-0600]. Free. For info, visit, www. brooklynconcerts.com/ seaside.html.



SATURDAY

July 8-14, 2011

July 16



Hop to it

Q-Tip, the leader of influential hip-hop group A Tribe Called Quest, goes solo as he headlines the Brooklyn Hip Hop Festival. The veteran emcee also dabbles in jazz, funk and soul, so we wouldn't be surprised to see him rocking with a live band as he checks the rhyme.

Noon. Q-Tip at Brooklyn Bridge Plaza and Tobacco Warehouse (26 New Dock St. at Water Street in DUMBO, no phone). Tickets \$5-\$60. For info, visit www.bkhiphopfestival.com.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

FRI, JULY 8

"NATIVE NEW YORKERS": A trail featuring native plants and specimens Free. Brooklyn Botanic Garden

Free. Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave., at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7220], www.bbg.org.

VIDBEL CIRCUS: Trapeze artists, jugglers and equestrians galore. \$10, children under 2 are free. 4 and 6:30 pm. (Stillwell Avenue and the Boardwalk in Coney Island), www.circusvidhel.com. circusvidbel.com.

FILM, "NIAGARA": As part of a retro-

spective on Marilyn Monroe. \$12, \$7 members. 6:50 and 9:15pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. near St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

MUSIC, LOS LOBOS: As part of the

Celebrate Brooklyn festival. Free. 7 pm. Prospect Park Band Shell [Prospect Park West and Ninth Street in Park Slope, (718) 965-8900], www. bricartsmedia.org/cb.

THEATER, "DEATH VALLEY": The zombie and Western genres collide in this darkly comic play. \$15. 8 pm. The Bushwick Starr (207 Starr St. between Western (207 Starr St. between (207 St. between (2 tween Wyckoff and Irving avenues in Bushwick), www.thebushwicks-FILM. "MAMMA MIA": Starring Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan and the

music of Abba. Free. 8 pm. Nar-rows Botanical Gardens [Shore Rd. at 71st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 748-48101. MUSIC, "LA CALISTO": It's Francesco

Cavalli's opera about love and lust among the Greek gods. \$30. 8 pm. Proteus Gowanus [543 Union St. near Nevins Street in Gowanus, (718) 243-1572], www.vpropera.org. MUSIC, RENI LANE, MY OTHER FRIEND, SENATOR AND THE NEW REPUBLIC: \$10. 8:30 pm. Knitting Factory [361 Metropoli-tan Ave. at Havemeyer Street in

Williamsburg, (347) 529-6696], ny.knittingfactory.com. THEATER, "THE MISER": Moliere's satirical comedy gets a modern twist by Piper Theatre. Free. 8:30 pm. Old Stone House [336 Third St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (718) 768-3195], www. theoldstonehouse.org.

JOHN OF BURLAP TO CASH-MERE: 9:30 pm. The Schnitzel Haus [7319 Fifth Ave. between 72nd and 3rd streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 836 5600], www.schnitzelhausny.com.

SAT, JULY 9

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

TOUR, HISTORIC FORT GREENE: A guided walk exploring one of Brooklyn's most diverse neighbor-hoods. \$18 adults, \$15 seniors and students. 2 pm. [Southeast corner of Lafayette and Flatbush avenues in Fort Greene, (888) 606-9255], www.bigonion.com.



FUREE-ous: The Foundry Theater presents an updated version of a 1930s musical with "FUREE on Pins and Needles," running at the Irondale Center through this Saturday.

PERFORMANCE

THEATER, "DEATH VALLEY": 8 pm. See Friday, July 8.

SALES AND MARKETS

BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL GREENMARKET: 8 am-6 pm. [Court and Montague streets in Brooklyn Heights, (212) 788-7476],

ARTISTS AND FLEAS: 8 am-4 pm. [70] N. Seventh St. between Wythe and Kent avenues in Williamsburg, (917) 301-5765], artistsandfleas.com GREENPOINT/MCCARREN PARK GREENMARKET: 8 am-4 pm.

[Union Avenue between Driggs Avenue and N.12th Street in Greenpoint, (212) 788-7476], www. grownyc.org.
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KET: 8 am-4 pm. [Washington Park between DeKalb and Willoughby avenues in Fort Greene, (212) 788-7476], www.grownyc.org. SMORGASBURG: A gastro-centric

marketplace from the people behind Brooklyn Flea. 9 am–5 pm. (East River between N. Sixth and N. Seventh streets in Williamsburg), www.smorgasburg.com.

FLEA MARKET: Refreshments and clothing. Free. 9 am–4 pm. Episco-pal Church of the Holy Spirit [8117 Bay Pkwy. at 82nd Street in Benson-hurst, (718) 837-0412].

SIDEWALK SALE: Free. 9 am–1 pm. Trinity Lutheran Church [Third Ave. at 91st Street in Bay Ridge, (718) 745-745-0138].

BROOKLYN FLEA: More than 100 vendors. 10 am–5 pm. (176 Lafay-ette Ave. between Clermont and Vanderbilt avenues in Fort Greene), www.brooklynflea.com.

FLEA MARKET: Free. 10 am–6 pm. Reaching Out Community Services [Ocean Avenue between Voorhies Avenue and Shore Parkway ir

OTHER

"NATIVE NEW YORKERS": See Friday, July 8.

READING FOWARD KOHN: Author of "Hot Time in the Old Town. Includes trolley tour. \$10 (\$20 nonmembers). 1 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 768-7300], www.green-wood.com.

VIDBEL CIRCUS: 4, 6 and 8 pm. See

FILM, "ROCK N' ROLL HIGH SCHOOL": As part of the "Rock N' Roll Summer" film series. \$6. 8:30 pm. Coney Island Museum [1208 Surf Ave. between Stillwell Avenue and W. 12th Street in Coney Island, (718) 907-3409], www.coneyisland.

SUN, JULY 10

PERFORMANCE THEATER, "DEATH VALLEY": 2 pm.

See Friday, July 8.

READING, "LAST THINGS FIRST": A play about life, death, and sex; what else is there? Free. 2 pm. Jalopy [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Columbia Street Waterfront, (718) 395-3214], www.jalopy.biz. MUSIC, "LA CALISTO": 8 pm. See

Friday, July 8. **SALES AND MARKETS**

CARROLL GARDENS GREENMAR-

KET: 8 am-6 pm. [Carroll and Smith

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streets in Carroll Gardens, (212) 788-7476], www.grownyc.org. ARTISTS AND FLEAS: 8 am-6 pm. See Saturday, July 9.
CORTELYOU GREENMARKET: 8 am-6 pm. [Cortelyou Road be-tween Argyle and Rugby roads in Ditmas Park, (212) 788-7476], www.

GREENMARKET: Fresh seafood, baked goods, and seasonal fruits and veggies. Free. 8 am–3 pm. Parking Lot- Walgreens Phar-macy [Third Ave. at 95th Street in Bay Ridge, (212) 788-7476], www. grownyc.org.

grownyc.org.

BROOKLYN FLEA: Vintage, antique, handmade, and food vendors. 10 am–5 pm. (27 N. 6 St. at Kent Avenue in Williamsburg), www.brook-

FULTON FLEA: Featuring local de signers. 11 am–6:30 pm. Brooklyn Plaza [650 Fulton St. between Fort Greene Place and S. Elliott Place in Fort Greene, (917) 364-5648], www. fultonflea.com

OTHER

"NATIVE NEW YORKERS": See Fri-

DANCE OF THE GIGLIO: Don't miss the hoisting of a three-ton, 80-foot tall tower during the annual reli-gious festival. Free. 1 pm. Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church [275 N. Eighth St. at Havemeyer Street in Williamsburg, (718) 384-0223], olm-cfeast.com.

FILM. "GENTLEMEN PREFER BLONDES": As part of a retrospective on Marilyn Monroe. \$12, \$7 members, 2, 4:30, 6:50 and 9:15

pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. near St. Felix Street in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100],

VIDBEL CIRCUS: 3 and 6 pm. See Fri-

MON, JULY 11

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Bowled over: We love the Maine Mussels - lobster, smoked bacon, chowder, parsley — at Mussels and More in Bay Ridge.

Mussels and more

This Bay Ridge seafood restaurant hits the spot

for The Brooklyn Paper

ussels and More had us eating our words this week -along with a heaping helping of utterly delicious bi-

When signs first went up for this place on Fifth Avenue and 80th Street in Bay Ridge, we had our doubts. We adore the humble mussel, but whenever we order them in restaurants, we usually get an overpriced saucer of stringy, sickly specimens, hidden under a shower of chopped parsley and diluted Campbell's tomato soup



But the promise of not travelling to Sheepshead Bay as well as the ample sidewalk seating, a rarity in Bay Ridge — drew us in.

We quickly skimmed past the "more" side of the menu (burgers, pastas, pizzas, etc.) and went straight for the shellfish. Mussels are priced from \$11.50 to \$14.50, depending on whether you go for the no-frills "Classic" — with wine, parsley, and garlic—or something "Spaniard," with chorizo and green olives.

Keeping with a childhood propensity for ordering the most expensive thing on the menu, we quickly zeroed in on the "Maine" mussels (\$14.95), which features lobster, smoked bacon, and a homemade chowder base.

When the steaming silver pot arrived at our table, it looked like someone dumped the contents of a generously stuffed lobster roll into it. Whatever the taste, this dish

is clearly an outright steal. The Prince Edward Island mussels themselves—delivered

> Am I the only person

here?

more adventurous, such as the fresh every day—were juicy and vibrantly orange, and the faintly pink broth was briny, creamy, and redolent of the sea.

And after polishing them off, we felt loved dipping our crispy fries into a stew thick with garlic, bacon, and giant

The "more" in this restaurant's name might refer to chicken sandwiches and spaghetti, but we're taking it as an invitation - to scarf down another serving of delicious Maine Mussels.

hunks of lobster claw.

Mussels and More [8001 Fifth Ave. between 79th and 80th Streets in Bay Ridge, (718) 680-3390].

By Bill Roundy

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BAR SCRAWL Chew on this On a recent Tuesday night at the beer hall Berry Park:

Taffy gets artisanal treatment

By Sarah Zorn for The Brooklyn Paper

er candy company may be called Salty Road, but Marisa Wu's path to success is looking plenty

Riding high on Brooklyn's love for all things smallbatch, DIY, and retro, the self-taught Williamsburg confectioner is currently drawing raves for her handpulled, artisanal saltwater taffy-with a wholesale client list that includes Four and Twenty Blackbirds in Gowanus and the Bedford Cheese Shop in Williamsburg.

"They've all told me the product usually sells out," said Wu. "People have been really into it — there isn't exactly a lot of competition out there for homemade salt water taffy

While Wu's chewy boardwalk throwbacks play heavily on nostalgia — each sixpack comes cutely packaged in a brightly striped bag, reminiscent of a 1920s swimming costume - these are definitely treats for the contemporary candy connoisseur.

Wu hand-pulls every piece of taffy she sells, flavoring vanilla, coconut, bergamot (orange) and peppermint candies with natural botanicals,



The sticky stuff: Marisa Wu makes traditional salt water taffy under the name Salty Road.

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extracts and purees.

"Honestly, I was never really into salt water taffy before, because it seemed very artificial, generic and touristy," admitted Wu. "But the stuff I've been making is really awesome, with an ice creamy sort of taste to it. Not at all what I remember salt

water taffy being like." Wu plans to start selling her wares at Smorgasburg, and is hard at work developing new flavors, like sour cherry and Vietnamese coffee—but is not looking to put much else on her plate right now.

"Salty Road has just one company member, and that's me," says Wu. "My main priority is concentrating on getting the flavors I want and keeping the product tight."

Find Salty Road at Four Twenty Blackbirds [439 Third Ave. at Eighth Street in Gowanus, (718) 499 2917] and the Bedford Cheese Shop [229 Bedford Ave. at N. Sixth Street in Williamsburg, (718) 599-7588]. For info, visit www. thesaltyroad.com.

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ORANGE AID!

Two fans keep the Cyclones juiced



By Dan MacLeod The Brooklyn Paper

Orange you glad the Cyclones have fans like these?

Two best friends and roommates from Bensonhurst have been keeping the Clones refreshed for the last four years, bringing oranges and quenepas also known as Spanish limes the players at every home game.

ing assistant. "These guys don't make a lot of money.

Guzman and her roommate Mary Risitano sit right behind the Cyclones dugout and toss down four bags of the fruits to the players before each

Risitano, 51, a postal worker, said the MCU park regulars, players and workers hold a common bond, and bringing food is a way to help nurture the



(Above) Gloria Guzman (left) and Mary Risitano are the "Orange Ladies" of MCU Park. (At left) Cyclones J.B. Brown, Marco Camarena, Guillaume Leduce, and Tyson Seng show off their oranges.

the bat boy — he'd never had a quenepa before."

The women, who have held season tickets since 2007, said they'd always brought food for the players — Guzman used to bring empanadas — but started bringing the fruit to welcome players from Spanish-speaking countries who were a long way from home. "It's like if I were in Venezuela and

someone gave me some cannoli," said The players have gotten used to the

treatment. "It's good to know we have some-

one to take care us," said pitcher Guillaume "Frenchy" LeDuc.

It's unclear whether the treats helped propel the team to their 7-2 win over the Hudson Valley Renegades on Saturday, but their 5-1 record at home sure

Those damned Yanks

By Moses Jefferson

The Brooklyn Paper

Oh how we hate the $\overline{\text{Yankees! The}}$ Evil Empire of the New York-Penn League took three-out of four from our Cyclones this week, after the Brooks Here's how it all went down:

Yankees 6 Cyclones 5

July 2 at Staten Island

run lead — with two outs in the bottom of the ninth! — and the hated Staten Island Yankees surged to a 6-5 win over our beloved Cyclones in 10 innings on the Rock. Sent in to protect a 5-2 lead, Gould

struck out the first two Bombers he

faced, but then allowed a walk to Ma-

Closer Jeremy Gould blew a three-

son Williams, a run-scoring double to Cito Culver, and a run-scoring single to Ali Castillo. With Zachary Taylor at the plate, a passed ball allowed Castillo to take

second, and Taylor then lashed a single to right to score him. In the 10th, Hunter Carnevale re-

placed Gould — and literally threw the game away, giving up a single and throwing two wild pitches before allowing a walk-off sacrifice fly to Chase Greene. The poor bullpen work negated a

strong start by the Brooks, who got a second-inning solo shot from Juan Torres and a three-run blast by Javier Rodriguez in the third. In the sixth, Bran-

a single, and finished with a Cyclonerecord five hits on the night.

Yankees 3 Cyclones 2

July 3 at Staten Island

The Cyclones blew another lead and first baseman Luke Stewart's first home run of the season - in a disappointing 3-2 loss to the hated Staten Island Yankees at MCU Park.

Stewart's blast to right made short stop Ismael Tijerina's previous double count in an amazing first inning rally, but that's all the Coney Island kids had for their fans on Sunday. The Yankees tied everything up

in the fifth, sparking two Cyclones pitcher changes, but in the end it was poor fielding that led to a Bombers victory: Tijerina missed an easy offering by Yankee Robert Rinard at the top of the ninth, sending him to first. A sacrifice bunt and single later, Rinard ran home with the win.

Cyclones 10 Yankees 3

July 4 at Staten Island

The Cyclones ended the July 4 weekend with some fireworks of their own — a brilliant 10-3 victory over the hated Staten Island Yankees on the Rock that brought the Baby Bombers's impressive 13-game winning streak to an unceremonious end.

The Clones's bats must have been stuffed with bottle rockets Monday

don Brown chased home Greene with night: after a season of strikeouts, the Cyclones suddenly started connecting, beginning with left fielder Javier Rodriguez's line drive in the first.

From that point on, the team's bats were ablaze: A set of singles from both third baseman Brian Harrison and outfielder Charles Thurber gave the Cyclones a 2-0 lead in the first, forcing an immediate Yankees pitcher change.

The first inning may have started the rally, but the fifth sealed the deal: outfielder Travis Taijeron homered to right field, then third baseman Richard Lucas doubled on a fly ball to center field with two men on, bringing both teammates home and giving the Cyclones a 9-2 lead that the Yankees couldn't recover from.

Yankees 6 Cyclones 5

July 5 at Staten Island

They threw another one away! The Clones unraveled in the eleventh after staging a dramatic threerun comeback in the eighth, ultimately blowing the game on an error and two wild pitches.

With the score tied at 5, Jeremy Gould, who pitched a scoreless ninth and 10th innings, imploded in the 11th when he gave up a lead off single. After an error by Nelfi Zapata advanced the runner, Gould threw two wild pitches allowing the winning run to score and ruining the efforts of the eighth inning rally sparked by Javier Rodriguez's third homer of the year.

"It makes them feel like they're at beats the team's 2-2 road record. home," said Gloria Guzman, 46, a nurs-talent. "They love it," she said. "Even our family can **JOHN FRANCO** Former Major League Pitcher

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Weekday party

Every Wednesday, you can shake it at the Brooklyn Shakedown, a house party at Williamsburg's Bembe that goes into the wee hours of the morning. Hostess Zoe Wilder and DJ Nutritious started the party in February as a place for a sexy, funky, down-to-earth time.

"The crowd is always amazing," said Nutri-tious. "People come to have a good time, dance and enjoy Bembe's really awesome drinks. Wednesday night is a good night for a house party."

Even if it's a school night.

Brooklyn Shakedown at Bembe [81 S. Sixth Street at Berry Street in Williams-(718) 387-5389], burg, Wednesdays at 10 pm. Free. For info, visit www. bembe.us.

Sheer spectacle

Sometimes you just want to do it up big, and you can always count on party people Gemini and Scorpio to go all out for you.

Case in point: At the promoter's next shindig, on July 16, it turns Fort Greene's Irondale Arts Center into its own "Lost Circus," where circus meets dark cabaret, with its trademark steampunk twist.

When you're not dancing, take in aerialists, circus sideshow, and shadow puppets, and play the Anywhere Organ, a mobile, midi-controlled pipe organ. And you better come looking your best: there'll be on-the-spot ink portraits by Barnaby Ruhe, body art by Painteresse Elysabeth, a vintage portrait studio by Steve Rosen, photoop custom art installation with work by Molly Cra-

bapple. Gemini and Scorpio's "The Lost Circus" at Irondale Performing Arts Center [85 S. Oxford St. at Lafayette Avenue in Fort Greene. (718) 488-9233], July 16 at 7 pm. Tickets \$40 to \$200, \$20 after 9:30 pm, \$10 after 2 am. For info, visit www.gemi-

niandscorpio.com.

Joe's got crabs!

The ones you eat, not the other kind

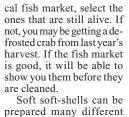


t's that time of the year the soft soft-shells are here! A soft soft-shell is just

that — a blue crab that has recently molted its old exoskeleton and is still soft. They're mainly harvested from early May till September in Maryland, the Caro-

linas and Louisiana. They are sold in five basic sizes: Whales, jumbos, primes, hotels and mediums. Whales are the biggest and are usually the most expensive. And they happen to be a personal favorite of mine.

When you go to your lo-



Soft soft-shells can be prepared many different ways — but they must be prepared crunchy or crispy. They have a super sweet taste and every part is edible. Here is a easy recipe that can be served at your next backyard party or as an appetizer or a main course.

With this recipe you will need some special equipment. You will need a mandolin and a mesh cover for your fry pan. Here we go:



Crabby: Morton's Executive Chef Joe Raiola has created a great recipe for soft-shell crabs.

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12 soft-shell crabs, cleaned 3 cups buttermilk 3 tbls. Old Bay seasoning 2 cups canola oil or peanut oil

2 cups white corn meal,

FOR THE SLAW 1 medium zucchini, cut in half.

1 medium yellow squash, cut in Half 1/2 red pepper

seasoned with salt and pepper

1/2 green pepper 1 bunch scallion

1/4 head green cabbage 1 small carrot, peeled

2 tbls. sugar 3 tbls. rice vinegar

4 tbls. mayonnaise 1/2 tsp. celery salt

Black pepper to taste

FOR THE SAUCE 2 cups mayonnaise 2 tbls. capers, chopped Juice from two lemons.

2 tsp. chives, sliced 2 tsp. fresh dill, chopped Salt and pepper to taste Put the buttermilk in a bowl and add the Old Bay seasoning,

mix well then add the crabs. Put

them in the fridge and let sit for

about four hours. This will give

4 tbls. walnuts, chopped

the crabs great flavor. Set up your mandolin with the

smallest blade you have. Slide the zucchini over it lengthwise using only the green part. Repeat with the yellow squash. Do the same with the carrot but use the whole carrot. You want the vegetables to look like long matchsticks or short linguine. Place in a bowl.

Julienne the peppers, cab-bage and the scallion by hand with a knife, keeping your fingertips turned in. Toss in a bowl with the remaining ingredients and set aside. Mix all the ingredients together

for the sauce. Put in fridge.

Heat oil in your favorite fry

pan over medium-high heat (oil

should come halfway up the crab). Take the crabs straight from the buttermilk, dredge them in the corn meal, then place them in the oil, shell side down. Quickly put your mesh cover over them because they will pop and splatter all over.

Brown on each side about three-and-a-half minutes. Take them out and let them drain on paper towels. After cooking all the crabs, pres

ent them with that beautiful slaw and

your fancy shmancy remoulade! Joe Raiola is the executive chef at Morton's The Steakhouse [339 Adams St. between Willoughby and Tillary streets in Downtown, (718) 596-2700].

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FLEA MARKET: Free. 9 –11 am. Narrows Senior Center [1230 63rd St. between 12th and 13th avenues in Dyker Heights, (718) 232-3211].

READING, "HA JIN": Author of "Waiting." Free. 2:30 pm. Coney Island Public Library [1901 Mermaid Ave. at West 19th Street in Coney Island, (718) 265-3220], www.brooklynpubli-

vide clibrary.org. pm. See Friday, July 8.

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DANCE OF THE GIGLIO: 6 pm. See Sunday, July 10. TALK, "KNISH 101": Get

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See Friday, July 8.
THEATER, "MACBETH":
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VIDBEL CIRCUS: 3 and 5:30 pm. See Friday, July 8. FILM, "RIVER OF NO RE-

TURN": As part of a retrospective on Marilyn Monroe. \$12, \$7 members. 6:50 and 9:15 pm. Brook-lyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. near St.

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pm. See Friday, July 8. FILM, "THE PRINCE AND THE SHOWGIRL": As part of a retrospective on Marilyn Monroe. \$12, \$7 members. 2 and 6:50 pm. Brooklyn Academy of Music [30 Lafayette Ave. near St. Felix Street in Fort

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flect that.) "Wow, that's great your kids love to read," friends and onlookers will say when we're out somewhere and the kids can barely look up from their current paramour.

I smile, then nod or answer thanks. I am too embarrassed, usually, to tell the truth about my feelings: My children's great love of books scares the living &*%\$ out of me.

As a longtime reader and writer, I know one thing for sure: books aren't real. Even when non-fiction, they are fictive realities that barely resemble the harsh situations of life. There is a blurring, a mitigating of even the worst of the world's wretchedness. Words on a page are a salve



Fearless Parenting By Stephanie Thompson

so a few living, breathing humans could impart in 3D to other living, breathing humans. Even the writers of those words didn't have a clue and yes, even before Facebook — about how to in-

teract in real time.

What worries me so very much about my children following in my footsteps and absorbing themselves nearly constantly in books is that their virtual life, their fantasy life, will far surpass their real one, so that they might never even try to create a real life, knowing full well it could never match up to the worlds they find between the bindings of

their favorite tomes.

It is a very scary possibility these days, even more so than when I was growing up, that one can live without relying on other physical beings. A mother recently shared the sad fact that while she built and decorated a beautiful downstairs living area in her brownstone in the hopes that her teenage daughter might hang out there with her friends, she discovered instead that "kids today just like to interact on Facebook, not face to face." The onceimagined rec room is now her office, and her daughter sits upstairs at her desk,

on her computer. I find myself doing the same — waking up early to search around on Facebook for who might be up, not that I would, probably, even chat with them. I am content, like I once was with books as a kid, just observing them like animals in a cage, learning about people from afar.

It is lonely, though, being an outside observer rather than a participant. As a parent, I want my kids to skip over the hard parts of life and just jump in, smiling, with both feet, to whatever situation they encounter. Yet, I can see clearly that their expectations for people and places and possibilities have already been mightily skewed by the worlds they have encountered from writers wishing to escape their own hum-drum realities by creating fantastical magical escapes for others.

I realize in my fear and loathing of books that I am a huge hypocrite. I am a writer largely because books saved me as a kid, as they often do my own children, from those moments when I might otherwise have felt sad about not connecting with another person. If on the playground I didn't feel accepted, I would take myself to the nearest tree and find characters whom I was sure would laugh at my jokes or happily play the game my way if they should suddenly pop out from the page.

I related this reality to my 7-year-old recently when he expressed concern over whom he would hang out with next year when his best friend moves away.
"Maybe," he said, pla-

cating himself, "I'll just bring Harry Potter out to

I told him then of my own escapist moments in elementary school, when the long branches of the few trees that dotted the dusty playground beckoned me and my latest discovery from the new school library. But I also prompted him to think more about connecting with actual new friends.

"You always have to try, to give people a chance," I said, knowing as I said it, of course, how hard and hurtful such efforts can be.

I thought then, as I often do lately, that I should give away my books and tear down my many built-in bookshelves in favor of throwing parties and having people over every day

ample. But, of course, it was hard. Making plans with real people in the new digital age, through so many texts and emails, is often far harder than finding a like-minded, understanding voice in my very living room, right on the shelf.

As school came to a close last week. Oscar and I had a rare day together, alone. We went to lunch, and I, scared of "boring" him as he often complains, suggested we bring books. Finding the sixth Harry Potter not quite as scintillating as the others, he brought Pokemon cards, and I brought Jennifer Egan's prize-winning "A Visit From the Goon Squad.'

I am proud to say that I didn't crack my book open

Pokemon cards in his pocket. We talked, actually, as we sat on our little stools at the counter. It is something I vow to do more of this summer, talking to actual people, something I want and need to model for my kids so as not to lose them entirely to the illuminating vet limiting world of literature.



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Kobe Bryant," Chestnut

added, comparing Kobayashi

to the showboating Los An-

geles Laker who is planning

an exhibition tour to China

as the NBA continue heated

talks with the players union

actually in the Coney Island

competition, his stomach-

churning feat will not count,

But Chestnut's real threat

was standing next to him:

Patrick "Deep Dish" Berto-

letti kept the champion on his

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shown him yet. Chestnut welcomed the challenge and already has a ing in second by downing a nickname for his competitor — Red Debris. Bertoletti - whose goa-

"[Bertoletti] was not giving up and he was making a serious mess," Chestnut said. 'Next year he's going to push

him," he said. "I just haven't

buns — said he was proud to Bertoletti was caked in be within striking distance red gunk, but the real "red Chinese com-"Joey might have won, petitors Yat Ming Lam, Lu but I was by far more revolt-Ming Kui and Tai Loi Mak ing and gross," said Berto- posed no danger to Chestletti, who set a world record nut at all. All three treated in Australia by downing a the carnivorous competition 22-ounce Slurpee in nine seclike a Sunday picnic as they onds. Bertoletti said that with daintily gobbled down their

a little more practice he could dogs one at a time. None made it through his beat Chestnut next year. "I know I'm better than first plate of five HDBs by the five-minute mark.

Yet history was still made at the corner of Stillwell and Surf avenues on Monday: Sonia "The Black Widow" Thomas became the first winner of a separate but equal women's championship by slamming 40 HDBs into her diminutive 5-foot-5 frame.

Thomas almost lost: Juliet Lee, the World Jellied Cranbury Sauce Eating Champion, was one hot dog ahead of her through most of the gorge fest. Lee ultimately came in second after eating

"She was ahead of me, but

29-1/2 HDBs.

I said, 'No way, I'm not going to feel sorry for myself 10 minutes later," Thomas said. "I pushed myself and did my best."

HEAVEN.

The dedicated street sign which city officials hung on June 11 at Seabring Street -pays respect to seven fallen firemen assigned to Engine 202 and Ladder 101.

The honored firemen Joseph Gullickson, Brian Cannizzaro, Salvatore Calabro. Thomas Kennedy. Patrick Byrne, Joseph Maffeo, and Terence McShane were among the first to arrive at the Twin Towers, pulling victims from the rubble before the second airplane hit.

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"They are heroes and should be rewarded in a place like heaven," said CB6 member Tom Miskel.

City officials and civic leaders say that the men have long been known as

'The Seven in Heaven," and that any debate over the sign which was sponsored by Councilwoman Sara Gonzalez (D-Sunset Park) and voted in by the city council months ago — has long

But that's why local atheists, who insist public signs should be non-sectarian, are gearing up for a legal fight, proclaiming that the government should not be in the business of promoting

en settled.

Taxpayers are paying for this sign, so we're paying for this message to be broadcast," Bronstein said, comparing it to an advertisement for Christianity.

Lawyers are lining up to offer the city free representation, proclaiming the sign does not violate the First Amendment, which states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion.

"I understand that [NYC Atheists] have threatened the

city with legal action," attornev Richard Mast wrote to the city last week, offering pro bono representation. "The

city may honor the bravery

of its fallen heroes. First Amendment case law suggests that government must allow both religious and non-religious speech when it opens a forum for expression — provided it's clear that religious references are attributed to the individuals making the expression, not the government

That could make Bronstein's case tricky.

"A challenge would be unsuccessful," said First Amendment lawyer Victor Kovner, who has represented companies such as HBO and Clear Channel in First Amendment cases. "In my mind, it's far-fetched."

DANCERS...

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Tirone eventually reached the finals in New Jersey, but she failed to sink the threepointer.

It's a tall order to win a spot, according to Garris, herself a former Knicks City dancer: Nets Dancers must compete each year alongside newbies to re-earn their places on the globe-trotting unit, which traveled to Russia, China, Mexico and Great Britain last season to promote the sport.

We like to keep our talent pool fresh and continue to recruit the finest — it's a rigorous process," she added. Thankfully for Brooklyn

gals who still long to shimmy and strut for the hoopsters, hope is a jump ball away -Garris promised more try outs in the future. You hear that, Brooklyn?

Girl, it's time to represent!

ho-hum Tilapia (\$8.49-per haul in rare overseas fish like

> ager at Forager's Market in DUMBO, said her store couldn't make any guarantees about how quickly it could catch a fish because she is more concerned with where its fish come from than how fast they get there.

"We sell fish that's safe and sustainable," Ludwig-

STRONGEST TENANT PROTECTIONS IN DECADES

As the state's housing commissioner and a former New York State legislator, I believe I can offer a unique perspective on the historic rent-regulation bill Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed into law this week.

In my nineteen years in the State Assembly, I represented tens of thousands of residents who called a rent-regulated apartment home. I saw how important those apartments were to their daily lives, to raising a family, and to living a good life here in New York State. But I also witnessed the constant worry these tenants felt as New York's rent laws were systematically weakened, threatening their rights and their homes.

Now, under the leadership of Governor Cuomo, we have not only renewed the rent laws but we have enacted the state's strongest rent laws since 1974. We have brought stability to our rent-regulated housing stock and fairness to a system that too often favored landlords over tenants.

Why is rent regulation so important? Among American cities, New York City has the largest renter population, yet for decades, affordable housing remained out of reach for many families and individuals. This gap and the resulting housing shortage led to an emergency declaration in 1969 and the passing of the first rentregulation law. Because the law was based on emergency conditions, those conditions are subject to regular review by the state. Unfortunately, instead of a rational discussion of the merits of the regulations over the last three decades, the process has been undermined by political dynamics, which have eroded the law year after year.

Conventional wisdom held that such erosion was an inevitable fact of life. Changes to the law in 1984, 1993, 1997, and 2003 increasingly threatened the availability of rent-regulated units and damaged tenants' rights. There was little that the state's nearly one million rent-regulated tenants felt they could do to protect themselves

from facing unaffordable rents or losing their homes.

But under Governor Cuomo's leadership, conventional wisdom was proven wrong. Working with the Legislature, the Governor crafted profound changes to our rent laws that will reverse the attrition of protections and the inequities that have long been considered the Albany norm.

Among the most important changes, the new law raises the deregulation rent threshold from \$2,000 to \$2,500, making this the first increase in the rent threshold since 1993. It also raises the income threshold from \$175,000 to \$200,000, the first change in the income threshold since 1997. These changes will help ensure that almost 100,000 units will stay in the rent regulation system over the next few years and remain available for working-class New Yorkers.

Another important change this law makes is allowing landlords to collect only one vacancy bonus per year, reducing the manipulation of leases in order to push units out of the system. Finally, it also makes important changes to the way improvements are calculated and verified for individual apartments, which will reduce a landlord's ability to abuse these renovations as a tool to force units out of regulation.

Taken together, these changes represent a historic new direction for our rent laws, significantly leveling the playing field between the landlord and tenant. I speak from both legislative and executive experience when I say that the law that Governor Cuomo and the Legislature produced this year is the most positive news for rent-regulated tenants in over 35 years. But most importantly, it sends the clear signal that this government will protect our middle and working classes, ensuring our families are able to afford to live here in the Empire State.

The author is the Commissioner/Chief Executive Officer of New York State Homes and Community Renewal.

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and the impact of what the city is doing.

imously supported the name change in December, 2009, and the City Council soon

FISH.

Continued from page 1 next day — we stopped by on July 4 and ordered up a an Australian Hiramasa, a coveted salt-water fish not $found in \, most \, stores. \, The \, next$ day, the fish was on ice and

ready for fryin'! The unusual guarantee is a little-known service at the store, which grabbed headlines last year when its inhouse restaurant became the borough's only eatery to earn two gold stars from the highly

selective Michelin Guide. The store's owner, Moe Issa, said he honors all "fair" requests when it comes to reeling in a fish.

"If you come to me early in the morning, I can definitely get it by the next day," Issa boasted. "We're able to bring in a lot of fish people can't get their hands on.

Issa said his secret lies in a supplier with the ability to

the hard-to-find Australian Hiramasa at a moment's no

But such service comes with a price — the Hiramasa would run a customer \$24.99 a pound. Issa said our fish will likely

get served at his Brooklyn Fare Kitchen, instead of being plopped in the fish department's display case alongside more pedestrian items like Wild Caught Maya White Shrimp (\$15.99-per pound), Wild Caught Alaska Salmon Fillet (\$18.99-per pound) and

Other fish purveyors were

surprise by Brooklyn Fare's quick turn-around time. Diane Ludwigsen, a man-

sen said. "So our selection is more restrictive."

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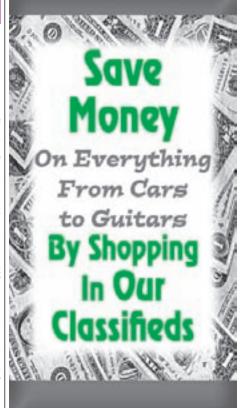


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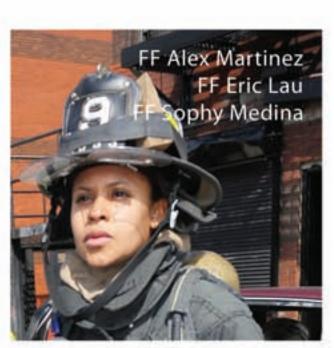
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